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From: Jane Beaumann <praise_satan@hotmail.com>
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("automated_activism@we-2.com")
Date: Sat, Nov 28, 1998 2:05 PM
Subject: Jane Beaumann says Legalize Micro Radio

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Sincerely,
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Date: November 28, 1998 From: Mr. Joseph D'Alessandro
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Dear Ms. Mellen:

You have my Suit in front of Review Board:

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FCC

Here is the latest on Prayze FM.

Saturday
November 28

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The Hartford Courant
Gospel Station Leaves Air

By DAVID OWENS

This story ran in the Courant November 28, 1998
BLOOMFIELD - An unlicensed gospel radio station signed off the air Tuesday
night after a federal appeals court rejected its request to continue
broadcasting while waiting to argue its case.

"We adhere to and comply with what we hear in court, whether we agree with
it or not," station owner Mark Blake said. "We're law-abiding citizens."

The station's lawyer said Friday that he would seek to have the appeals
court decision reviewed so Prayze FM can be back on the air soon.

In the meantime, the station's leaders and listeners are planning a
celebration to mark the station's second anniversary of broadcasting, Blake
said. Despite the setback, there is much to celebrate, he said.

"God has a plan for Prayze FM that hasn't yet unfolded," Blake said. "He
knows what he's doing, and we trust him."

The celebration is scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. at Gethsemane Baptist
Church, 570 Tower Ave., Bloomfield.

Earlier this week, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted a Federal
Communications Commission motion to keep Prayze FM from broadcasting while
the station waits for a hearing before the court scheduled for the week of

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Prayze FM's lawyer, Robert Simpson of the Hartford firm Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, said he would ask U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the 2nd Circuit justice, to overturn the appeals court ruling. Although it didn't allow Prayze FM to remain on the air, the court of appeals ordered an expedited hearing of the station's appeal, Simpson said.

"What the 2nd Circuit taketh away from Prayze FM with one hand, it giveth with another," Simpson said. Since going on the air without a license two years ago at 105.3 FM, Prayze has built a loyal following in Greater Hartford.

But the station has been in conflict with the FCC over obtaining a license. Blake has "gone through every available step to try to obtain a license," Simpson said. The FCC maintains that there are no available frequencies.

The station's underlying argument is that the FCC's licensing process is unfair to small community-based broadcasting enterprises, and therefore unconstitutional. The FCC refuses to recognize low-power stations such as Prayze FM and has no provision that allows them to apply for a license, Simpson said.

What's more ironic, Simpson said, is that as the FCC battles with low-power, unlicensed stations such as Prayze FM, it is working to develop regulations that would allow low-power stations to apply for licenses.

The FCC's position, which has been represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Soloway, is that Prayze FM is not licensed and therefore should not be on the air. Soloway said he has received notice from Simpson that the station is taking its appeal to Ginsburg.

Blake said the station's absence will "devastate" the community.